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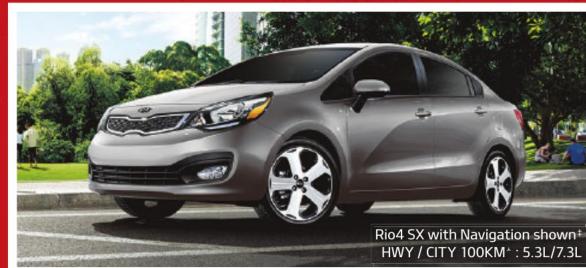
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Pet-neglect cases surge

Skipping the vet.

Humane Society fears economic downturn could be a factor

Ailing pets are being neglected at an alarming rate, warns the city's humane society, and the group's lead investigator says he fears a projected economic downturn will lead to more owners skipping a trip to the vet.

The Calgary Humane Society has manned a steadily increasing caseload concerning animals whose owners have neglected to provide them with adequate medical care. In 2014, there were 192 such files, up 16 per cent from the year prior — and 146 per cent from the 78 cases in 2008.

"These types of offences aren't usually done in malice," said Brad Nichols, the society's senior manager of cruelty investigations.

"These are usually people that still love their animals; they just are unable or un-

willing to go through the financial commitment of providing that adequate care."

There are some grisly cases, however, that Nichols conceded baffle the mind.

Some pet owners say that, in less-severe cases, they simply can't afford the cost. Rick Northrop took his cat in for a teeth assessment years ago and was told it would cost roughly \$1,600 to have them cleaned.

"Do I pay my mortgage or do I get my cat's teeth cleaned?" Northrop asked, later adding, "He's not going to live forever and ever, anyway. If it was my son, it'd be a completely different story."

Nichols said the "best-case scenario" is to obtain pet insurance or put some money aside for pet emergencies.

There are also some financial-assistance programs offered by rescues, and owners also have the option of surrendering the animal to the Humane Society, which can then determine whether to care for the animal or euthanize it. **JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO**



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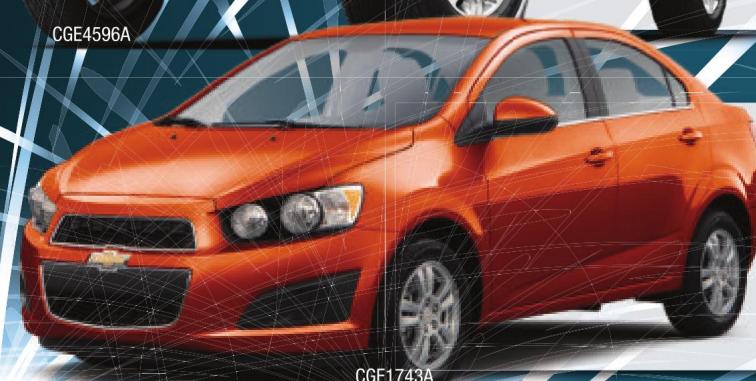
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Ring road. Project may be delayed: Prentice

Construction of Calgary's long-awaited southwest ring road — a project estimated to come with a \$5-billion price tag — may be delayed as the province reviews its capital budgets in the wake of plunging oil prices.

Premier Jim Prentice said Wednesday the ring road is "on the list" of projects being reviewed, and its construction time frames may have to be adjusted.

"The timelines for the expenditures on that project obviously need to be considered along with the other projects that are under discussion in our five-year capital and indeed our 10-year capital plan," Prentice said Wednesday.

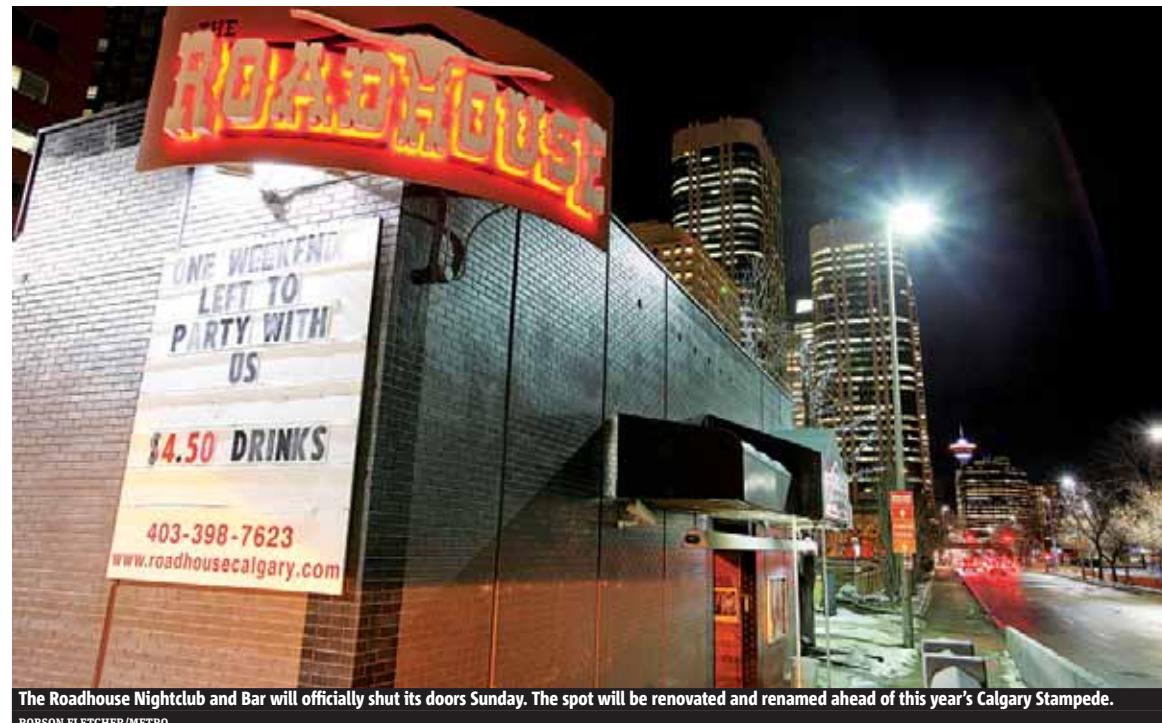
After decades of negotiation, the Alberta government finally reached a deal with the Tsuu T'ina First Nation in 2013 to run the road through their territory, but the deal comes with a condition that the road must be completed within seven years of a land swap being finalized, or the land reverts to the First Nation.

Alberta Transportation had planned to start construction in 2016 and ideally open the route by 2020.

Prentice said decisions are "complicated" by the terms of the Tsuu T'ina agreement.

"I think we need to be cognizant of the commitments that have been made, and if anything changes we obviously would need to sit down and discuss that," he said. "But we're all in this together. We have to look at all of the projects together and we need to arrive at decisions that are in the best interests of everyone in the province."

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The Roadhouse comes to the end of the road

'It's been a privilege.'
Popular hot spot to shut its doors after 12 years — but will return under a new name



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Deemed by some as Calgary revellers' dirty little secret, the Roadhouse Nightclub and Bar is set to shut its doors after a dozen years.

Temporarily, at least.

The popular party hot spot on 9th Avenue S.W. will reopen in time for the 2015 Calgary Stampede but under a new name and with a "top-to-bottom" renovation, general manager JR Boogerd said Wednesday.

"With the typical lifespan of a nightclub in Calgary being just a few years, we appreciate the fact that so many people continued to party with us and show support for more than a decade," Boogerd said in an email.

"And we hope they've had as much fun on this ride as we have. It's been a privilege. We

are excited to bring Calgary our new concept and truly hope everyone will be as supportive in the years to come."

Details about the design — and name — are being kept under wraps, but the Roadhouse will host a final send-off Sunday, one that will see them bring back some of the guests' favourite staff.

"We are going out doing what we love to do and what we are known for — throwing a huge party," Boogerd said.

The Roadhouse opened its doors for the first time on Nov. 22, 2002, and it's believed millions have passed through

its doors since then. On weekends, it's still not uncommon to see a lengthy line of eager partiers waiting to get inside.

Zach Woolf, 20, has been among the Roadhouse crowd a number of times over the past few years. He ranked the nightclub No. 2 on his list of places to party in the city.

"I like it because it has good music," he said. "It doesn't matter when you get there, there's always great music — and it's an open space, and the people there are generally nice."

For more information on the Roadhouse's final bash, visit roadhousecalgary.com.

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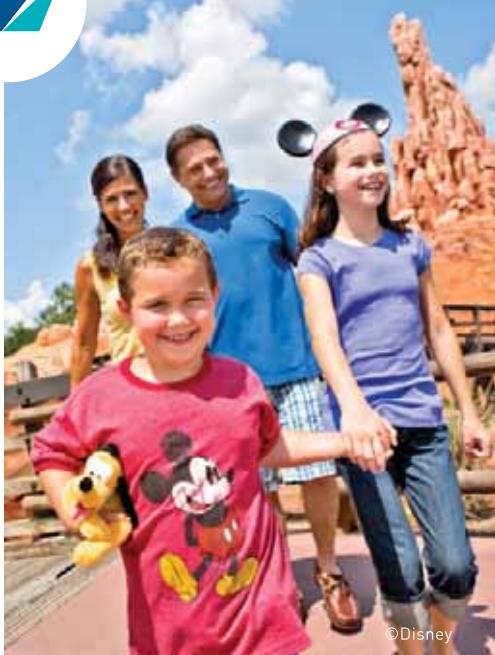
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English 30 diploma.

Disruption of provincial exams 'triggered meltdowns' in some students, says school administrator

Students frustrated by hours-long delays with writing their provincial exams Tuesday will be allowed to apply for a "partial exemption" that would see the grade they earned waived.

On Tuesday, an online program called QuestA+ experienced a system outage just as thousands of students logged on to write their English 30 diploma, which is worth 50 per cent of their final grade.

One school administrator speaking to Metro Wednesday said it got to the point that some kids were left in tears as frustration mounted. Eventually, some classes turned to old-fashioned pen and paper to complete the required essay.

"By that time, you have disturbed the kids' thinking cycle and emotional state by putting them through something like that (and) their brains don't function the same way," said the administrator, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"Sure, there were some students that it didn't affect at all, but for others it triggered meltdowns."

Alberta Education officials issued a statement apologizing for "circumstances beyond their control," and said impacted students could now approach their school principal to apply for a partial exemption.

Those students would still have to write Part B of the English diploma, which focuses on reading comprehension,



Jillian Ivanov, a Grade 12 student at Centennial High School, says she and many others were affected by a system outage while trying to write a portion of their English 30 diploma Tuesday. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Details

- Students will also have the option of rewriting the essay portion of their English 30 diploma and will not have to pay fees generally charged for such a move.
- On Tuesday, the QuestA+ outage was blamed on

a 15 per cent jump in the number of students taking the exam when compared to last year. In all, one-third of Alberta students writing the exam attempted to use QuestA+ with varying degrees of success.

at a later date. Combined, the marks of the test make up 50 per cent of a student's final grade.

Jillian Ivanov, a Grade 12 student at Centennial High School, was among those greeted with the outage as she settled in to write her essay.

First, her class sat and waited anxiously for 40 minutes, then was told to write the tests on local computers using

Microsoft Word.

Then, however, an information technology representative said there were fears that the school server was down and while Ivanov was fortunate to complete the test on keyboard, some had start over again using pen and paper.

"I've never actually written an essay (with a pen) before," Ivanov said. "Having students going back to handwriting —

it's something that we're not used to."

Given the chain of events, Ivanov, who's been taking diploma prep courses outside of regular classroom time, said she supported a move to allow the essay marks to be tossed.

"It was most difficult because we already had a lot of stress coming in because we knew it was worth 50 per cent," she said.

"Then, having to sit there for an hour and having the question in front of us and not being able to plan or anything ... even seeing the teachers stressed out and the administrators not knowing what to do, it was just a stressful situation."

Alberta Education said QuestA+ worked fine during social studies examinations held across the province Wednesday. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Woolley defends Calgary Housing Company

Calgary's primary affordable-housing provider has made "incredible leaps and bounds" in recent years, contends a city councillor, who adds he's tickled by remarks made by an elected peer of his.

On Wednesday, Metro ran a piece concerning Frank Anderson, one of 10,000 residents paying subsidized rent to live in a Calgary Housing Company abode.

Anderson has been told he has until month's end to find a new place to live, but both he and Calgary-Currie MLA Chris-



Coun. Evan Woolley METRO FILE

the action.

But the CHC said they actually went through the impartial Residential Tenancy Dispute Resolution Service that sees an officer rule on claims between tenants and landlords of up to \$50,000.

The company's general manager questioned how Cusanelli could question a decision made through the service, which is offered by the same government she's a member of.

Coun. Evan Woolley, who sits on the CHC board and chairs its community and

tenant relations committee, echoed those comments Wednesday.

"If she doesn't like her own government's process, then she should talk to her own government," the Ward 8 representative said. "For her to come down on us, saying we didn't do enough, I think it's irresponsible."

Woolley questioned whether Cusanelli was trying to make "a mountain out of a molehill," especially with a potential provincial election on the horizon. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

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Province to ask public about cuts, taxes

Albertans will be asked how much the province should cut, how much to tax and how much red ink to run, as the government struggles to deal with a bleak fiscal picture.

A backgrounder document on the province's finances is expected to be posted online soon, but in a draft obtained by Metro, the government asks Albertans about the right mix of cuts,

taxes and debt.

Kevin Zahara, press secretary for Finance Minister Robin Campbell, said the document is meant to show Albertans the trouble ahead.

"It basically lays out the challenges of what we are facing," he said.

The document points out that Alberta spends \$1,200 more per capita than the national average on public services and that Albertans save

\$11.6 billion over the next most competitive province because of lower taxes.

The government is also asking where spending could be cut and how to increase revenues without hurting competitiveness. Zahara said the budget won't be easy, which is why the government has to ask.

"Obviously with us looking at a \$7-billion hole in our revenue next year, it's

important we hear from Albertans," he said.

United Nurses of Alberta president Heather Smith, who has seen the backgrounder, said she is glad the province is looking at options other than just cuts and she hopes they think long-term.

"It's reassuring, but we can't have a Band-Aid solution," she said.

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A referee drops the puck at Calgary's Max Bell Centre on Wednesday evening.
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Culture change urged to retain fearful referees

Junior hockey.

Officials call issue of abuse 'largely concerning'

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Fear of verbal and even physical abuse is causing retention problems for Alberta's junior hockey officials.

Cory McLean, zone chairman for the South Zone Referee Council, said there have been 15 match penalties since the start of the 2014-15 hockey season and he says a change in culture is needed to address the issue.

"I think it's largely concerning," said McLean, noting the number of referees, the majority of whom are youths, has dropped from roughly 5,800 to 4,800 over the last five years.

He stressed the type of match penalty he's referring to are altercations between a player, a team official and a referee.

"I don't know too many other professions on the planet where people have to work in the environment that a hockey referee does regardless of their age," he said.

In his zone, McLean said there's been four match penalties, touching on instances where an individual shot a puck at an official and another where a teenage player attacked a lineman.

While the council is trying to address the issue through education to ensure all referees are calling games properly, he says the issue goes beyond the officials.

"We really are doing what we can with a really small base of volunteers," he said. "But culturally, I just think we haven't seen enough positive changes inside the game and it's led us to where we are today."

Brad Lyon, a spokesman with Hockey Alberta, said addressing the issue is an "ongoing activity" between the organization and officials.

"Any time that we're hearing stories, or become aware of circumstances, where people who have gotten involved in the sport of hockey are leaving it because of things that are happening on the ice," he said.

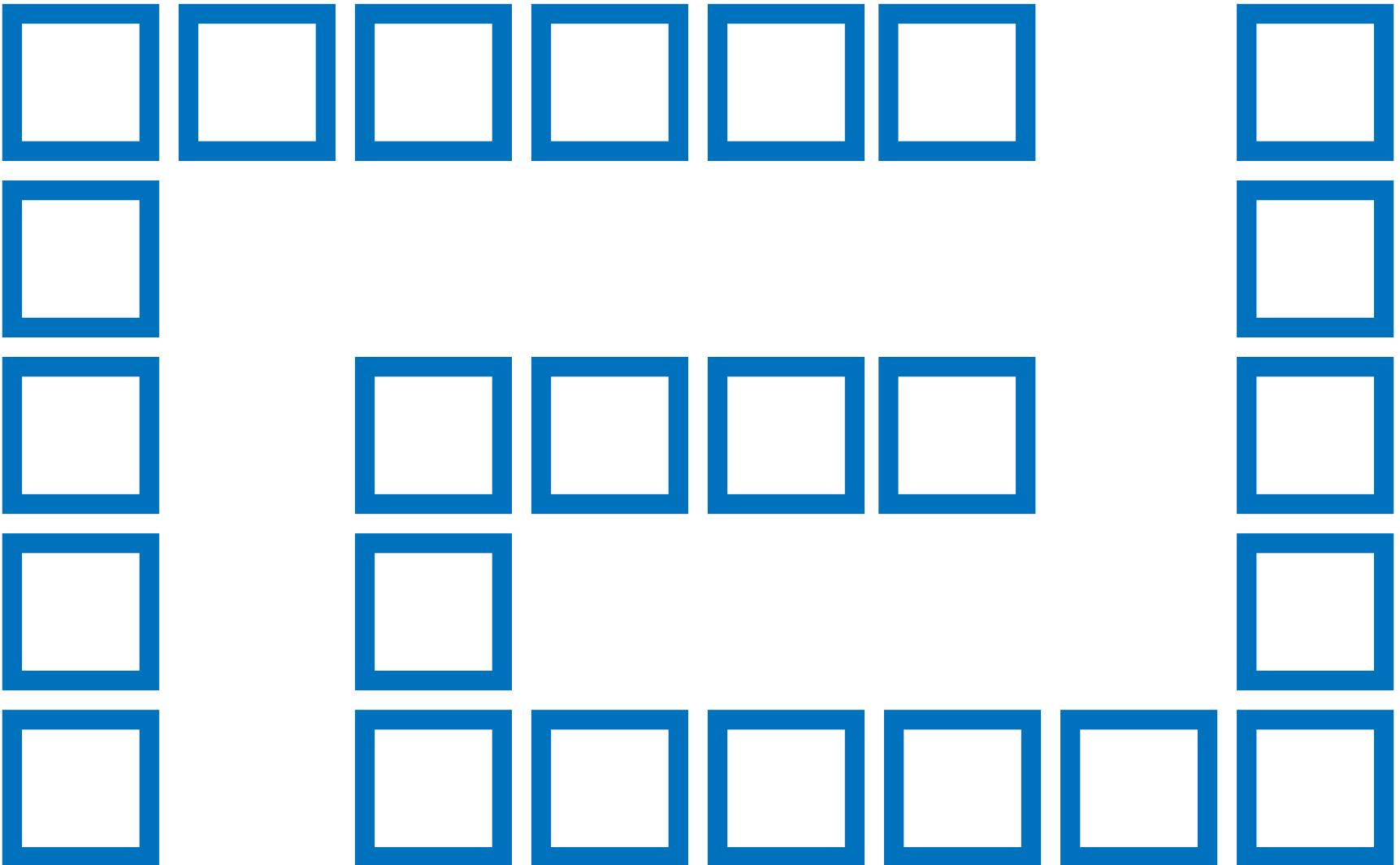
"There's definitely a reason to be concerned and some questions that need to be answered."

He said all involved have a role to play.

"It's important, I think, that everybody who is involved with the sport — parents, coaches, players and officials — realize that there's a lot of emotion and it's important to remember the circumstances that you're working within."

Hockey Alberta will assess the situation at the end of the season to determine whether or not the problem continued and where, noting both Hockey Alberta and officials will be discussing the issue amongst others at an upcoming meeting in Red Deer.

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TV. Actor identifies with disenchanted character from series set in 1980s

Tim Carlson wasn't born until 1990, but he's becoming increasingly familiar with the decade of big hair and big shoulder pads.

The 24-year-old actor is the star of the new Canadian TV comedy series *Young Drunk Punk*, which premieres Jan. 21 on CityTV.

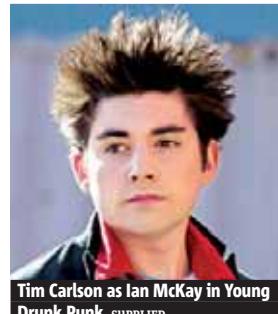
Set in Calgary in 1980, the show is loosely based on creator Bruce McCulloch's experiences growing up in the city.

Carlson plays Ian McKay, an astute and opinionated 18-year-old who can't wait to get out of the soul-crushing suburbs.

It's a feeling Carlson strongly identifies with.

"I grew up in Victoria, B.C., which is a small city," Carlson says.

"It's grown since I've been there, but I remember when



Tim Carlson as Ian McKay in *Young Drunk Punk*. SUPPLIED

I was 17 and 18 all I wanted to do was get out of there. It was too small and I had to leave. And I think Ian feels the same way about Calgary. He has to go west. He has to go east. Anything. That definitely resonated with me."

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Upcoming events

Your best bets for weekend entertainment

Friday:

Jocelyn Alice at the Ironwood: Calgary's soulful chanteuse is joined by a few of her talented friends, including Lisa Jacobs, Amy Bishop and Elise Roller.

The Legends of Classic Rock by The Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra at The Jack Singer Concert Hall: Vocalist John Elefante joins the CPO for its fun Pops concert, featuring songs from such artists as Pat Benatar, Led Zeppelin, Heart and Paul McCartney.

Saturday:

Vincent at the Pumphouse Theatre: The life of artist Vincent Van Gogh comes to the stage in this riveting and emotional play.

Simon King at The Laugh Shop: The Canadian comedian is known for his stream-of-consciousness and observational comedy.

Sunday:

Blackalicious at The Commonwealth Bar & Stage: The veteran California hip-hop duo of Chief Xcel and Gift of Gab have been throwing down beats since 1992.

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One woman's solo take on Keith Richards' life

High Performance Rodeo

Rodeo. Deanna Jones unique show coming to Calgary's No. 1 Legion Hall

It's hard to imagine turning Keith Richards' life into something more outrageous than it already is.

But that's exactly what Deanna Jones has done with her hilarious solo theatre piece, *The Keith Richards One Woman Show*.

Playing in Calgary as part of this month's High Performance Rodeo, *The Keith Richards One Woman Show* is an eccentric and sometimes introspective recounting of some of The Rolling Stones guitarist's craziest stories and wildest moments as experienced by a sleep-deprived über-fan named Mona.

An obsessive collector, Mona has been up for days trying to win an online auction for a bootleg recording of a concert the Stones played for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind in Oshawa, Ont. in 1979. (Richards was ordered to play the show after being arrested in Toronto in 1977 for drug possession.)

Mona's tiredness soon turns to delirium and she starts hallucinating about

The chronicles of Keith

I don't go into it aiming to do the best impression. It's more about telling the story and having fun with the characters.

Deanna Jones
Creator of *The Keith Richards One Woman Show*

her favourite guitar god and his iconic cohorts Mick Jagger, Anita Pallenberg, Charlie Watts and Gram Parsons.

"I don't go into it aiming to do the best impression," Jones says. "It's more about telling the story and having fun with the characters."

"It's sort of an exaggerated version of them. Because a lot of it takes place in a dream, I'm not trying to do a deadpan impersonation."

The idea for *The Keith Richards Show* was sparked almost five years ago during a kitchen party conversation with One Yellow Rabbit's Denise Clarke in St. Catharines, Ont.

"Somehow the topic of the Stones or Keith Richards came up," recalls Jones.

"We talked about some Stones stories and joked around with the idea of doing a show."

Event info

- The Keith Richards One Woman Show runs Jan. 27 to Jan. 31 at the No. 1 Legion Hall downtown.
- For tickets and more information about the High Performance Rodeo, go to hprodeo.ca



The Keith Richards One Woman Show, Deanna Jones' hilarious, eccentric and introspective ode to one of rock 'n' roll's greatest musicians, runs at the No. 1 Legion this month as part the One Yellow Rabbit High Performance Rodeo. CONTRIBUTED

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Hells Angels involved?**RCMP conduct simultaneous searches in Alberta, Saskatchewan**

RCMP said Wednesday several searches were underway in Alberta and Saskatchewan, specifically in the city of Saskatoon.

Details are limited but law-enforcement officers asked residents to respect

any barricades put up or directions given by investigators.

"There is no risk to public safety," reads a release issued by the RCMP Wednesday morning.

There were media reports that a Hells Angels clubhouse in Saskatoon was among the areas being targeted by police.

It was expected more information would be released Thursday, RCMP said. **METRO**

\$60K already stolen**Calgary police warn of CRA scam**

The Calgary Police Service is warning members of the public about a tax-related phone scam after 35 victims were identified in 2014.

Police say in December 2014 they became aware of two cases where residents received phone calls by someone claiming to be from the Canada Revenue

Agency.

The caller would then tell the victim they owed the CRA "back taxes" and if they did not pay the debt immediately, they would be arrested.

Police said in a release the caller usually has pieces of information about the victim, including banking details, and instructs them to pay the debt with a prepaid credit card or money transfer.

A total of \$60,000 has already been stolen from victims in Calgary. **METRO**

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Pernille Goodbrand, a master's student in the University of Calgary's Department of Sociology, is looking for renters for her study entitled *The Missing Perspective: The Experience of Renters Living in Informal Secondary Suites in Calgary*.

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Secondary-suite tenants not all alike, study says

Diverse backgrounds.

People who live in illegal suites from all walks of life: University of Calgary student

'They are everywhere'

Illegal secondary suites abound in Calgary, according to Cliff De Jong of the city's planning, development, and assessment department.

- "They are everywhere," he told city council recently, in response to a question about ensuring safety regulations and building codes. "Our own census information would lead us to believe there are somewhere between 15,000 and 20,000, but other agencies that work on the ground are suggesting that number is woefully under-reported."

community," Goodbrand said. "I think people do want to participate and they do want to be a part of the community that they live in, but it's very hard for people to be a part of the community if they have to hide."

She was also surprised when a few landlords approached her to be a part of the study. They have since helped her to "fact-check" the accounts of residents and weigh their stories against a secondary source.

Goodbrand is still looking for participants. To get in touch or participate, email informalsuitesyycc@gmail.com or call (403)220-2224.

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Andy Warren says he can't wait to ride his recovered Salsa Mukluk fatbike after it was stolen from his garage. It ended up back in his possession after a circuitous trip and a lot of detailed police work from a dedicated officer who also rides the wide-wheeled bicycles in the winter. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

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Officer toils to help return stolen fatbike

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Constable is a fellow fatbiker, searched high and low for owner of untraditional bicycle

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It's an unusual case involving an unusual bike.

A fatbike, to be precise.

Const. Rich Wall, who is a fatbiker himself, said the stolen Salsa Mukluk — with extra-wide wheels designed for winter riding — was in rough shape when it was recovered Sunday from a home in Killarney that is known to police.

"The wheels were pulled off of it," he said.

Wall put it back together and then started the complicated process of trying to unite the bike with its owner.

Much like a missing person's case, he dove into the research head-first: he checked the parts for serial numbers, called manufacturers, put up posters in local bike shops, scoured Kijiji and posted all over the Internet, trying to reconnect the rightful owner with his or her wheels.

"Lots of phone calls, putting posters together ... and we came to nothing," he said.

Wall said this happens often in stolen-bike cases. Bike owners don't keep track of the serial numbers to identify their wheels and will write off bike theft before reporting it to police.

Wall said police had a suspect in mind but couldn't make an arrest until the mysterious bike was claimed — and the case was getting cold.

That was until the owner of the fatbike walked into the Calgary Police Service's property-recovery facility to

collect his wheels. He got a call from officers working there who said his bike was found and he needed to come pick it up.

But, because of a software glitch, the bike didn't immediately show up as recovered in their system. So Wall, who was still frantically scouring the web, didn't know it had already been reunited with its rightful owner.

Andy Warren, the owner, reported the bike stolen the day it was missing.

"I'm quite pleased," he said Wednesday after learning about the lengths Wall had gone to. "I've had (bikes) stolen before ... but I've never seen what (police) do because I've never seen one recovered."

Once the victim was identified, officers were able to go ahead and connect a suspect to the theft.

The man is known to police and will face charges.

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Staff slashed

Damning report issued on military procurement

A study of Canada's dysfunctional military procurement system became a political football Wednesday as opposition parties pounced on the premise that delays and misfires were due in part to the Harper government's policies.

The report was written

jointly by the Conference of Defence Associations Institute and the MacDonald-Laurier Institute.

Critics say it will be hard for the Conservatives to dismiss the exhaustive analysis, which is based on more than 50 interviews and a workshop with retired and currently serving acquisition officials, political staff and consultants.

The report provides an unvarnished look at a system long beset by delays, cancellations and cost overruns.

The researchers assign much of the blame to staffing cuts by both Liberal and Conservative governments, as well as new reporting requirements introduced by the Harper government.

There were 9,000 staff dedicated to buying military equipment in the early 1990s; by 2004, over the course of successive Liberal budgets, that number had been slashed by more than half to about 4,200.

After the Conservatives

came to power, the number of employees versed in the complex requirements and approval process inched up to 4,355 by 2009, but many positions remained vacant because of the Afghan war.

Then the Harper government's budget cuts took hold.

"The situation worsened due to the Strategic Review and the Deficit Reduction Action Plan (DRAP), which (cut) 400 positions through the end of 2014/2015," says the report.

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Jesse Brown, founder of media website Canadaland.
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Challenging a 'cosy culture of journalism'

Canadaland. Website aims to fill void and watch the watchdogs

Canadaland reported on Monday that Lang had attempted to "sabotage" a 2013 story about a bank that had sponsored some speeches or events at which she spoke. It also said Lang was in a "serious relationship" with an RBC board member at the time.

Lang said Monday she disclosed the relationship in 2012 to the public broadcaster. CBC said the allegations that Lang tried to "sabotage" the story on RBC's use of temporary foreign workers were "untrue."

CBC isn't the only network to come under fire. Global Television suspended one of its Toronto anchors last week after a media report was part-owner of a public-relations firm.

"There's no overall culture of media criticism here," said Jeffrey Dvorkin, a media analyst and director of the journalism program at the University of Toronto's Scarborough campus.

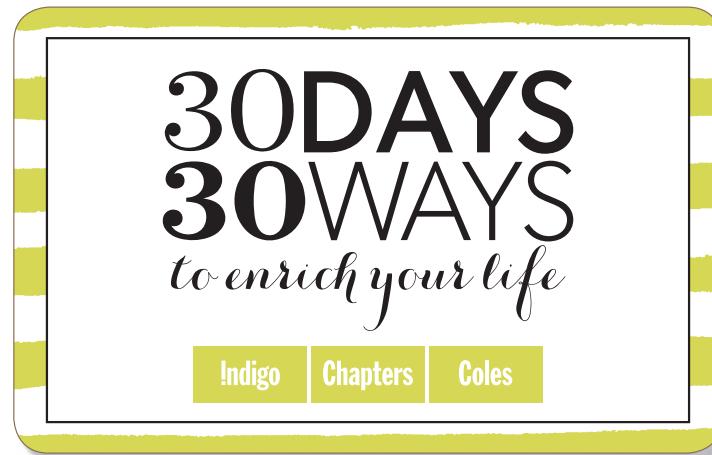
Brown said he initially pitched a media-criticism podcast to established news organizations, and most were receptive — until they realized they would come under scrutiny, too.

"So it was clear to me that something had to be done and probably had to be done independently," he said.

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Jailed journalist's family pinning hopes on minister's visit to Egypt

Mohamed Fahmy case. Meanwhile, a government official in Ottawa is urging tempered expectations

The family of an Egyptian-Canadian journalist imprisoned in Cairo is hoping that Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird's visit to the city on Thursday will mark "the finale" to Mohamed Fahmy's quest for freedom.

But a government official in Ottawa was tempering expectations Wednesday that Baird's visit would immediately trigger Fahmy's release.

Fahmy has spent over a year in prison after he and two colleagues were arrested while working Al Jazeera English. After a trial widely denounced as a sham, the three were convicted on terror-related charges they vehemently deny.

Baird's visit to Cairo comes at a sensitive time. A retrial was ordered this month for Fahmy and his colleagues, and Egypt's president has announced a new decree that gives him the power to deport foreigners convicted or accused of crimes.

Those factors have given Fahmy and his family hope that they will soon be able to return to their home in Montreal.

"I believe Mr. Baird's visit should be the finale," Fahmy's brother Adel said. "We are genuinely hoping that he reaches a resolution and announces that Mohamed will be deported to Canada."

Baird will be meeting with his Egyptian counterpart Sameh Shoukry on Thursday, where he is expected to raise Fahmy's case, after which the two will participate in a news conference. It is there that Fahmy's family hopes for some indication that their or-

deal is nearing an end.

But a government official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that things may not proceed quite that quickly.

Baird's two-day trip to Egypt, the official stressed, is part of the country's regular engagement with Egypt "writ large."

"We're not expecting necessarily that (Baird) is going to announce the release or anything like that when he's there," said the official.

It is unclear just how Fahmy's deportation process might play out in practical terms. If he is deported as a convicted criminal under Egyptian law, it's not known when he will become a free man in Canada. But his family is staying positive.

"The Egyptians may provide to the Canadians information on how they want to handle this," Fahmy's brother said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Canadian Foreign Minister John Baird, right, is met by the governor of Luxor, Major General Tarek Saad Eddin, on his arrival Wednesday to the airport in Luxor, Egypt. HAGGAG SALAMA/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Calls for clemency

Minister denounces flogging of Saudi blogger

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird has publicly denounced the flogging of a Saudi blogger, calling for clemency.

In a statement, the minister responded for the first time to the sentence handed down last May to blogger Raif Badawi, who received 10 years in prison and 1,000 lashes after he criticized Saudi Arabia's clerics on a liberal blog he founded. The first 50 of those lashes were delivered last Friday.

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Reports surface that Ottawa man died fighting for ISIL

As reports emerged that former University of Ottawa Student John Maguire had been killed while fighting in Syria, the federal Public Safety Ministry warned of the dangers of joining the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL).

"While we cannot speak about specific cases, our Government is fighting terrorist groups who could pose a threat to Canadians," said an email from Public Safety Canada. "That is why we made it a criminal offence to go overseas to engage in terrorism and why we took action to strip the citizenship of those convicted of terrorist offences."

The reports were based on a tweet from Twitter user and apparent ISIL supporter Abu Saman who called Maguire and another man martyrs.

Maguire came to national media attention when he appeared in a pro-ISIL video saying that while he grew up like most Canadians playing hockey, guitar and attending university he had come to support the radical Islamist cause.

In the video, Maguire, who went by the nom de guerre Abu Anwar al-Canadi, warned Canada that more attacks



An ISIL fighter from Ottawa, believed to be John Maguire, warned of more attacks in a December video. METRO FILE

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"We will always stand up for the Canadian values of freedom, democracy and the rule of law against these abhorrent terrorists. Any individual who decides to join the ISIL jihadis runs the risk of meeting their ultimate demise." Public Safety Canada, in an email.

were coming, and said recent attacks — the Parliament Hill shooting that killed Cpl. Nathan Cirillo and the Quebec hit and run that killed warrant officer Patrice Vincent — were

in "direct response" to Canada joining the fight against ISIL.

Maguire vanished last year after converting to Islam and becoming radicalized.

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Yemen al-Qaida claims Charlie Hebdo attack

Paris. Extremists warn of more 'tragedies and terror' to come

Yemen's al-Qaida branch on Wednesday confirmed it carried out last week's deadly assault on a French satirical newspaper to avenge cartoons depicting the Prophet Muhammad, as it called for unity among jihadi ranks and vowed more attacks on the West.

In an 11-minute video posted on the group's Twitter account, Nasr al-Ansi, a top commander of al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, said the attack on the office of the Charlie Hebdo weekly — in which two gunmen massacred 12 people — was in "revenge for the prophet."

He warned of more "tragedies and terror" in the future, saying "you will look for peace and stability but you will not find it because of the deeds of those carry-

Quoted



"Congratulations to you, the nation of Islam, for this revenge that has soothed our pain."

Nasr al-Ansi, a top commander of al-Qaida, in a video posted to the group's Twitter account

ing out martyrdom operations and heroes of lone jihad."

Al-Ansi said AQAP "chose the target, laid out the plan and financed the operation." He said the radical Yemeni-American cleric Anwar al-Awlaki, who was killed in a U.S. drone strike in Yemen in September 2011, had arranged the attack.

If confirmed, that would mean the Paris attack was years in the making. But Al-Ansi produced no evidence to support his claims, leaving lingering questions over the exact relationship between the attackers and the militant group's leadership in Yemen.

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Crackdown

54 arrested for hate speech

France ordered prosecutors around the country to crack down on hate speech, anti-Semitism and glorifying terrorism and announced Wednesday it was sending an aircraft carrier to the Mideast to work more closely with the U.S.-led coalition fighting Islamic State militants. Authorities said 54 people had been arrested for hate speech and defending terrorism in the last week.



Pope urges forgiveness in war-torn Sri Lanka

Pope Francis blesses a child as he arrives in Madhu, Sri Lanka, Wednesday. Pope Francis travelled to the jungles of war-torn northern Sri Lanka on Wednesday to show solidarity with the victims of the country's 25-year civil war and urge forgiveness and reconciliation "for all the evil which this land has known." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Java Sea

Singapore navy finds AirAsia fuselage

A Singaporean navy ship has found the crashed AirAsia plane's fuselage, a 30-metre-long section with a wing attached, in the Java Sea, authorities said Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sex abuse

Model pursues charges against Bill Cosby

A model who claims Bill Cosby drugged and sexually abused her at the Playboy Mansion met with Los Angeles police on Wednesday to pursue criminal charges against the comedian over

the 2008 incident. An attorney for Chloe Goins said after the meeting that his client is the first woman accusing Cosby of sexual misconduct whose case may fall within the statute of limitations. More than 15 women have accused Cosby of sexual misconduct, including several who say the comedian drugged and raped them in incidents dating back four decades. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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BlackBerry denies report of takeover by Samsung

Shares jump on TSX.

Canadian company's stock rose to highest level since early 2012

BlackBerry has responded to a dramatic jump in its stock price, saying late Wednesday that it has not engaged in discussions with Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd. about a possible takeover.

The response followed a



The Canadian flag flies at BlackBerry's headquarters in Waterloo, Ont. A news report said smartphone maker Samsung Electronics has offered to buy the company for as much as \$7.5 billion US, which BlackBerry denies. THE CANADIAN PRESS

report from the Reuters news agency, which said Samsung had met with BlackBerry executives over the possibility of buying the Canadian company for as much as \$7.5 billion US.

Reuters cited both a source familiar with the proposal and related documents.

BlackBerry shares jumped nearly 30 per cent after the report emerged, leading the company to react with a public statement.

"BlackBerry has not engaged in discussions with Samsung

Purported offer

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Samsung Electronics Co.'s purported offer to buy Canadian company BlackBerry

with respect to any possible offer to purchase BlackBerry," the company said.

The comments did not address whether Samsung had expressed an interest in the company that BlackBerry executives haven't entertained.

BlackBerry and Samsung announced a partnership last November where the Waterloo, Ont.-based company made its mobile security technology available for the Android operating system.

For BlackBerry, the arrangement gave their software the ability to work on Samsung's Galaxy and Note smartphones, while it provided Samsung an opportunity to get the attention of business customers that BlackBerry courts.

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European court backs London's black cabs

A taxi driver uses a bus lane in central London Wednesday. The iconic black cabs, under pressure from taxi app Uber and cheaper taxis known as minicabs, got some good news Wednesday: They won't have to share their right to drive in bus lanes with rivals. A European Union court dismissed a challenge by private taxi firm Addison Lee, which argued that the rule violated European competition laws. LEFTERIS PITARAKIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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NEWSPAPER EDITS OUT WOMEN



Above: world leaders attend a march in solidarity with the Charlie Hebdo attack victims in Paris. Below: female leaders erased from a similar photo of the rally, by HaMevasser newspaper. ABOVE: GETTY IMAGES; BELOW: SCREENGRAB

The world is watching — and arguably just waiting — for the next head-slapping action to find, screengrab and broadcast to the world

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It seems you can't get away with much these days because Little Brother is there, taking a screengrab of your perceived offence and retweeting it for the world to turn into a meme.

On the hot seat this week is conservative Jewish newspaper HaMevasser, which removed all of the women from a photograph of world leaders marching in Paris in support of Charlie Hebdo and printed said photograph on its front page.

Gone from the photo are German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo, EU foreign affairs chief Federica Mogherini and Danish Prime Minister Helle Thorning-Schmidt.

The edits are offensive and head-slapping for the obvious reasons: removing people from a photograph and presenting the image as fact, in a newspaper, is not journalism. Painstakingly editing out the women, specifically, suggests a dubious view on the value of women, in my opinion.

What's interesting is the idea that even a little-known newspaper with a relatively small circulation can so quickly catch the attention — and derision — of the entire world.

Five years ago, the Haredi (Ultra-Orthodox) community's practice of not publishing pictures of women for the sake of modesty would likely have gone relatively unnoticed. And yet, when Jewish site Walla outed HaMevasser over the altered Paris photo, it spread like wildfire around the web. As the world shrinks and the spotlight of social media grows,

the viewpoints of people and communities — no matter how insular — become exposed for all to see, judge, re-tweet and hashtag.

In this new world of cellphones, Twitter, Facebook and Instagram, the world's eyes are always on us.

Women only

This isn't the first time an ultra-orthodox newspaper has edited women out of photographs. Following the death of Osama Bin Laden, Brooklyn-based ultra-orthodox Jewish newspaper Der Tzitzing photoshopped Hillary Clinton and another woman out of the photograph of U.S. President Barack Obama and his security team watching the raid.

- The photo has also inspired several parodies, including this one by satirical news site Waterford Whispers News, which edited all the men out of the image.



A version with the men erased runs on a satirical site. SCREENGRAB

As a Muslim journalist, I'm not OK with the Charlie cover

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I'm appalled by the renewed satirizing of Prophet Muhammad in Charlie Hebdo, not only as a Muslim but also as a journalist.

My condemnation stems from the fact that the Prophet is a revered figure in my faith who should not be drawn out — let alone satirized in untoward illustrations — according to widely held Islamic traditions.

But my condemnation goes deeper than that. As a person of faith, and a person of colour, it baffles me that the right to freedom of speech is being used as a right to be racist and bigoted toward Muslims, which is made clear by the obscene cartoons in editions of Charlie.

Muslims are a racialized demographic, with the majority of French Muslims coming from a North African background, while in Canada, the majority of Muslims are of Pakistani, Indian, Arab or Iranian origin.

I've heard the phrase "Muslims aren't a race" many times, but just about every asinine image of Muslims or the Prophet in Charlie depicts them as brown or black individuals.

Working in the media, I understand the responsibility that comes with freedom of speech and how that involves making moral judgments in news coverage on a daily basis. One of the main reasons why I got into this profession is because of its power to be a voice for the minority.

I can't help but feel that publish-

ing the satirical Muhammad cartoons does nothing more than allow a select few to flaunt their privilege to laugh at images that further antagonize an already marginalized group, especially in France.

These cartoons play into people's fears of Muslims and are used to justify increased surveillance on a national scale. They also fuel the rampant Islamophobia that is now raging in France, with at least 60 reported anti-Muslim incidents since the Charlie attack, from firebombs and pig

heads thrown into mosques, to veiled women subjected to insults on the street. At the same time, I understand that Islam forbids violently censoring free speech, as the gunman did in the Charlie Hebdo attack.

The Prophet himself faced violence and verbal ridicule from individuals but never used harsh words or physical force in return. It's his example that I'll continue to follow.

Ali Zafar is a copy editor and writer for Metro News.

Cooper on laughing with Clint

Book to film.

Eastwood lightened the mood while filming the sombre American Sniper

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Metro World News in New York

Bradley Cooper starts off the press conference for American Sniper very, very seriously. "I try not to look in the mirror too much, quite honestly," he says at one point, not remotely cracking a smile.

Eventually he loosens up, busts out a decent impersonation of the film's director — one Clint Eastwood — and reminisces warmly about that time Eastwood oozed childlike glee watching a kid on set: none other than the real-life daughter of Army sharpshooter Chris Kyle (played by Cooper in the film) and his widow Taya.

"We laughed a tremendous amount on the movie — shockingly, given the content," Cooper says. "You're so excited to come to the set every day, because Clint Eastwood is there." The loose nature is just how Eastwood likes to work. "I think maybe why he gets so many great performances out of people is because he makes them feel really at ease. He's curious. John Huston said towards the end of his life that that's what keeps you going: curiosity. He's just so curious. He's like a little kid."

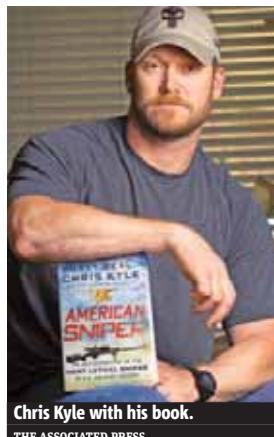
Cooper's no modest fan of the director's work, citing Unforgiven as "maybe the best American film."

He feels a connection between the best picture winner and American Sniper.

"This character is almost William Munney prior to when we meet him in Unforgiven: his wife has since died and he's



Bradley Cooper plays Chris Kyle in American Sniper. CONTRIBUTED



Chris Kyle with his book.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

taking care of the kids and he comes back because (his friend) has been murdered. We saw a lot of similarities."

There was another incentive to give Eastwood the reins: "Chris Kyle said if there was any way he had a choice of who would direct the movie, it would be Clint Eastwood. And then he had his wish."

They had fun making American Sniper, but the film is absolutely serious.

Not only is it about the damage war does to families and soldiers' psyches, but Kyle

himself was murdered by a troubled vet while the film was in pre-production.

They had an extra responsibility to get the story right and impart a useful message. "The takeaway for those who can relate to (Kyle) is that it will be healing," he says.

But even those who aren't veterans themselves can see "what vets go through, what Taya has gone through."

Though Kyle's four tours were during the Iraq War, Cooper doesn't see American Sniper as political. "It's not a movie about the Iraq War. It's a movie about what someone like Chris has to go through as a soldier — the dilemmas, the horror of it," he explains. "That's all we ever talked about. It's not a political movie at all. It's a movie about a man. It's a character study."

Cooper actually trained with live ammo, which both helped and harmed his work. He found the first sniping sequence much too real.

"I'd only felt the gun with live ammo, and I saw two actors in the scope. My stomach turned and I moved the gun away," he recalls. "I said, 'We can't shoot the scene with them there.' I just couldn't do it, even though the gun wasn't

loaded. I had a glimpse of what a soldier has to go through."

With Eastwood, Cooper was working for a director famous for doing as few takes as possible, sometimes just one. Cooper found that refreshing.

"Sometimes you do movies, you think, 'Well, I'm warming up on the first three and then we'll get into it on seven and eight. That's not happening on this movie at all. You better bring it the first take,'" he says. "It's almost like theatre in a way, doing a Clint Eastwood movie."

It even felt familiar to him, based on his time with Silver Linings Playbook and American Hustle director David O. Russell, who relies heavily on spontaneous, off-the-cuff traits.

"On a David O. Russell movie, when you step out of the van in the morning you better be able to shoot the scene the moment your foot touches the ground," he explains. "I've come to love it, because there's an energy and vitality, a sense that it's actually happening. If I ever have a chance to direct I would always want to do that."

Never make them feel like they have 100 takes. Make them feel like this is it. You want to raise the stakes, anyway."

Eastwood's adaptations

American Sniper is based on Chris Kyle's 2012 true story, American Sniper: The Autobiography of the Most Lethal Sniper in U.S. Military History, which sat on The New York Times Best Seller list for 37 weeks.

This isn't the first book director Clint Eastwood has adapted for the big screen. Here's a look at five of other movies in his lengthy filmography that topped the best-seller list:

1 The Eiger Station: Eastwood starred in and directed this 1972 thriller about a mountaineering art dealer who is also a paid assassin.

2 The Bridges of Madison County: A sensation when it was released in 1992, the book is one of the bestsellers of the 20th century. Eastwood turned it into a 1995 film starring Meryl Streep.

3 Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil: This 1997 crime drama was on The New York Times Best Seller list for 216 weeks.

4 Mystic River: Dennis Lehane published his novel about three childhood friends reunited by a murder in 2001. Eastwood turned it into an Academy award-winning film in 2003.

5 Invictus: This 2009 film is based on John Carlin's book, Playing the Enemy: Nelson Mandela and the Game That Made a Nation, about the 1995 Rugby World Cup in South Africa. METRO

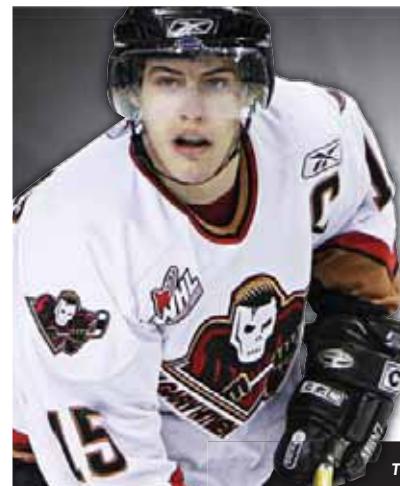
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Debut novel. The Girl on the Train's narrator turns passengers into characters, then tries to imagine what their everyday lives are like

EMILY LAURENCE
Metro World News in New York City

Paula Hawkins' first book, the emotional thriller *The Girl On The Train*, only came out on Tuesday, but DreamWorks has already bought the movie rights.

With every early review comparing it to *Gone Girl*, the stakes are pretty high for this novel, about a woman named Rachel who sees the same people on her commute to and from work each day and builds up stories in her mind about them.

An alcoholic, Rachel

makes for an unreliable narrator, which in part is responsible for the book's many twists, turns and its shocking ending.

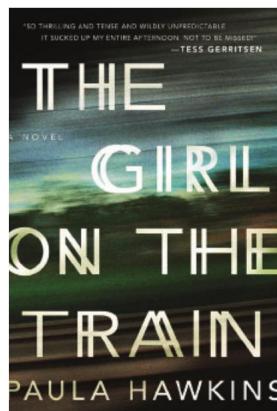
Making 'subway friends'

"When I used to commute for work, one of my favourite things to do was to look out the window and into peoples' houses if I could see in," Hawkins tells us.

"The idea for the book partially comes from the idea that you see these people every day and you feel like you've made a connection, but it's actually imaginary. And then thinking about what a vulnerable, lonely person would do with that sensation."

Hawkins says she liked the idea of creating a narrator with a drinking problem because it creates an unreliability in a lot of ways.

"You can't trust yourself, your memory or your own judgments," she says.



Getting it all on paper

When she sat down to write the book, Hawkins says she first created a detailed chapter-by-chapter outline to keep track of the multiple characters and time jumps, but there were a few things that took her by surprise.

"There's a character, Anna, who changed quite a lot for me," she says.

"I saw her completely differently at the end of the book than I did at the beginning."

On those *Gone Girl* comparisons

When asked if the constant *Gone Girl* comparisons are flattering or annoying, Hawkins says it's a double-edged sword.

"It's fantastic because I think *Gone Girl* is such a great book, but at the same time, I'd like (*Girl on the Train*) to be seen on its own merits as well."

As for that movie deal, Hawkins says things are still very early and she's just crossing her fingers.

For now, she's content with just getting the book in the hands of commuters, getting them so immersed that they just might miss their stop.



Girl on the Train author Paula Hawkins. CONTRIBUTED

Literary awards

Giller jury increases to five

The Scotiabank Giller Prize is expanding its jury from three to five members.

The 2015 jury will include Canadians Alison Pick, Alexander MacLeod and Cecil Foster, as well as Britain's Helen Oyeyemi and Ireland's John Boyne.

This is the first time in the award's 22-year history that it has appointed a five-member jury. Executive director Elana

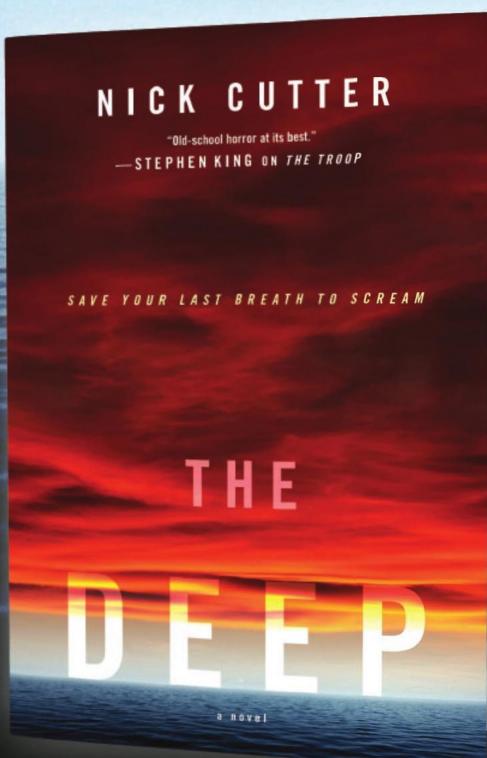
Rabinovitch says it "allows for more and different perspectives and injects new vigour into the quality of the deliberations."

"Bringing more readers into the mix, gifted individuals with varied backgrounds and voices, is bound to bring a different level of discernment to the conversation about the books," she said in a statement.

The Giller prize purse increased last year to \$140,000, with \$100,000 going to the winner and \$10,000 to each finalist.

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Sims' beauty secret: Learn to respect yourself

Supermodel author.
Sims says listening to your inner voice and believing you can be beautiful will help you become the best you can possibly be

Molly Sims is a self-professed girl's girl and proud of it.

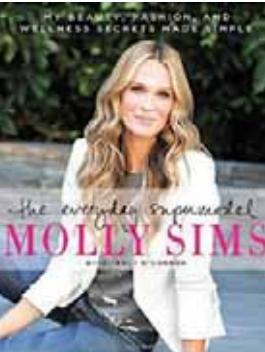
She loves to share the tips and secrets she's discovered to looking and feeling good.

"I love sharing information like, 'OK, you need to go blonde. Don't forget about your eyebrows ... Oh my God, you've got to check out this smoothie. OK, so I just went to this place and I swear to you I lost three pounds,'" she said in a recent interview.

Sims has compiled some of her tips for looking and feeling great in her new book, *The Everyday Supermodel: My Beauty, Fashion, and Wellness Secrets Made Simple* (Dey Street Books).

She enlisted the help of experts like stylist-designer Rachel Zoe and Pilates instructor Alycea Ungaro.

Do you really believe that by following your book, the everyday woman can look like a supermodel?
I knew I was gonna get a little flak



on *The Everyday Supermodel* because here I am calling myself a supermodel.

I cringe sometimes at the word, but ... I've done this for 20 years. I've made myself believe like, 'OK, I can do this.'

I can challenge myself. I can respect myself and I can be the best version of myself and I can bring out that inner supermodel. That inner X factor. That's what we have to bring out of all of us.

I have faked it till I've made it and ... the one thing I've done along the way is I've learned and I've looked and I've copied and I've read and I've listened.

That's ultimately why I wrote the book — because people always go, 'Oh, you were born that way,' and I got so tired of hearing that.

Molly Sims
GETTY IMAGES

You write that taking care of yourself is more about respecting yourself than anything else.

You have to respect yourself, you have to challenge yourself and you have to be the best version of yourself. If you look good, you feel good.

You're expecting your second child, but you've been honest

about gaining a lot of weight during your first pregnancy.

I gained 74 pounds in my last pregnancy. I was 204. I couldn't even see my belly. I ended up having a thyroid condition they didn't know about. But it doesn't matter, I still had to lose the 80 pounds. It took me 15 months.

You devote a chapter to

finding love, which you say you've had problems with.

I worked with a really good therapist a few years ago. Her name is Mary Goldenson and she wrote this amazing book. I was really co-dependent. I couldn't get out of a relationship, and I was just stuck. She made me read one of her books called, *It's Time: No One's Coming to Save You*.

I needed someone to hold me accountable, and the person I needed to hold me accountable was me. I needed to stop saying, 'OK, I'm gonna do this later, and if this happens then I'm gonna do this.'

She told me to get grateful and she told me very hard things that I didn't want to hear.

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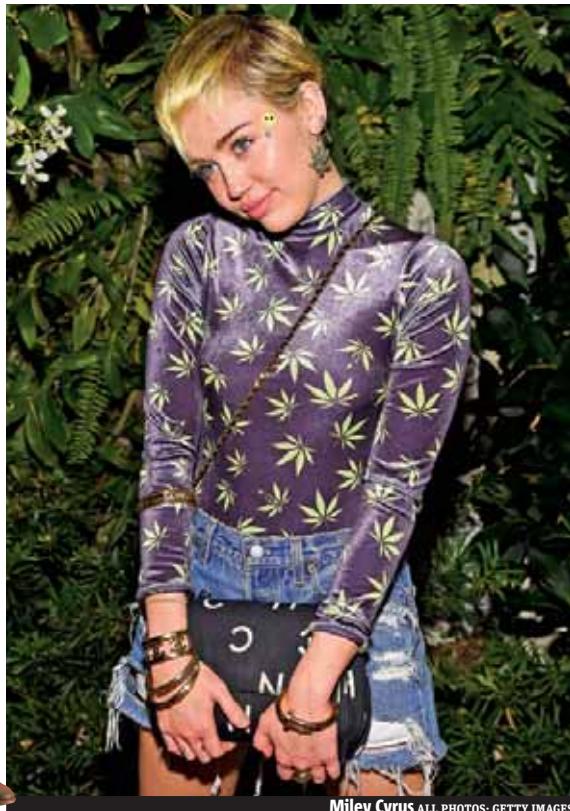
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METRO'S TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES



Miley Cyrus ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

What if Miley took her clothes off and everybody yawned?

Oh, Miley. Former Disney star Miley Cyrus just can't stop showing off her goods to anyone who will look. To that end, she's gifted V Magazine with a collection of "candid" Polaroids from her recent world tour to celebrate

their music issue, hitting newsstands today. The magazine is even offering a fold-out poster of a fully nude Cyrus emerging from a bubble bath. Enticing, right? Here's the thing, though: We apparently live in a world now where a

collection of naked Miley Cyrus pictures is met with a collective yawn instead of the startled gasp I assume she was hoping for. As a commenter over at Defamer put it, "It just seems so boring and one-dimensional."

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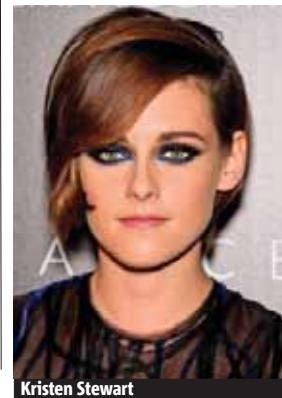
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Kristen Stewart really does care

It is a question that has plagued scholars, lo, since the nascent days of Twilight cinematic history: Exactly how many f--- does Kristen Stewart give? Many have argued that her enduring appeal is rooted in her natural inability to not care about anything, but Stewart herself. She renounces such spurious categorization. When renowned culture critic and Salon deputy entertainment editor Anna Silman recently lauded Stewart with, "You are kind of a hero to people, in a way. A lot of people admire what they see as your give-no-f---s attitude," Stewart took extreme exception. "I'm like, 'Actually, no one gives a f--- like me,'" Stewart insists. "No one gives more of a f--- than me. It's just ironic to me. I'm always like, 'Really?'" So there you have it. The debate is settled.



Kristen Stewart

More bad news for the ladies of The View

Things are not looking good for Rosie, Whoopi and crew, as execs at ABC are said to be "ready to abandon ship" on long-running daytime talk show The View, according to the Mail Online. "The brass at ABC feels like they've tried to do everything possible to breathe new life into this show," a source says. The View, currently in its 18th season, would be replaced by an extra hour of Good Morning America, a move similar to the one the Today show made years ago. "ABC feels it has exhausted their options with

The View and now it's time to expand the existing franchise. They feel that since GMA is already beating NBC's Today during the first two hours of the broadcast, why not extend the morning broadcast? But what will Whoopi Goldberg do with her mornings now?

Rosie O'Donnell and Whoopi Goldberg



The year gets a bit quirkier as Björk readies new album for March

Björk stumbled onto Twitter this week to announce her first album in four years is on its way, and she describes it in the most Björk way possible. The announcement of the album, Vulnicura, came along with a handwritten note describing what we can expect from the Icelandic iconoclast's new tunes. "The songs are called Stonemilker, Lionsong, History of Touches, Black Lake, Family, Notget, Atom Dance, Mouth Mantra and Quicksand," she writes. "I hope you will enjoy it!"



Björk

Mouth Mantra and History of Touches becoming club hits. The new work, her ninth studio album and the first since her experimental Biophilia in 2011, will be released in March.

What's big for the boys in 2015

Menswear trends are slower burning than womenswear, but it's still an exciting time for guy-style. Here's what will reign in the world of men's retail this coming year.

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Matching shades

All white, all beige, neutrals ... this year is going to be about the refined use of colour palettes. On the Spring/Summer 2015 runways, London Burberry sent out lots of bright colours, but grouped them together, while at Calvin Klein Italo Zucchelli created lots of buzz with his hunky models in 'nude' beige tones. Tomas Maier took a similar approach with his neutral colours at Bottega Veneta. Some brands took it further and opted for all-white looks; from toothpaste-white bonded leather jackets at Neil Barrett to off-white tailoring paired with ice-white sportswear at Sergio Corneliani.



Checks and stripes

Patterns arrived on the S/S 2015 runways in classic formulations: windowpane checks, monochrome plaids and pinstripes. Frida Giannini at Gucci described her naval-striped lads as 'decadent admirals' and her fellow Italian Giorgio Armani dressed his deckhands in sun lounger striped red casual jackets. Milanese upstarts MSGM also mixed checked patterns with sportswear. When it came to pinstripes, as usual, it was London that was most on point. Matthew Miller revisited the city's Savile Row heritage with his deconstructed tailoring and Jonathan Anderson riffed on a tongue-in-cheek version business casual by creating apron shapes from the classic gentleman's staple.



A touch of dandyism

With all the minimalism, tailoring and sporty elements going on, you might be forgiven for thinking that menswear is getting a bit boring. Worry not. The rock 'n' roll touches aren't this coming year's biggest trend, but there are splashes of fun to be had. Paul Smith, Dries Van Noten, and Valentino all created stunning silk prints in pants and shirts (often paired with more restrained tailoring) for Spring 2015. Van Noten's use of colour was restrained (he stuck to pale gold, red, burgundy and navy) but his use of Richard Haines' illustrated dancers was more than eye-catching enough.

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How to decorate an open-plan space

Designer tips. Give your open-concept home a seamless flow

I recently purchased a two-level small townhouse that has an open layout. I am attempting to decorate the main floor space. Any tricks or hints? — Rob, Halifax

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Choosing an open concept kitchen/living space is a great option for young families (where parents are in the kitchen and children are in the living space); folks who entertain in a big way (since most parties end up in the kitchen, anyway); or people who want to make a small home feel more spacious.

Here are a few rules to follow if you want each area's decor to flow easily.



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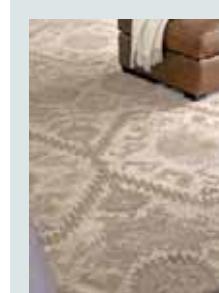
Your kitchen's esthetic should be similar to the living space. For example, if you have modern furnishings in the living/dining area, then the kitchen should have cabinetry, counters and finished that mimic that modern feel.

Divide without walls

There should be a visual divider between the living area for entertaining and kitchen area for cooking. A kitchen work island, desk or table with chairs should be used as a barrier to the working area of the kitchen. This helps

to visually keep the fun and games in the living area and the working kitchen functioning smoothly and safely.

Sliding barn-style doors are a great way to keep offices and dens open to the rest of the house yet offer privacy when needed.



Being consistent with colour and tones creates visual flow in open concept spaces. Orissa area rug (left), from \$600, CrateAndBarrel.com; MSI's Mare Bianco 12x24 inch porcelain tile (above), \$4 each, HomeDepot.ca ALL PHOTOS: CONTRIBUTED

Keep flooring similar

Flooring should flow from one area to another without jarring the eye with light then dark tones. For example, having medium wood toned flooring in your living space, then a medium brown stone in the foyer, a similar tone of brown in the kitchen tile and a similar colour of broadloom for a den area will create the feeling of one large floor space.

A foyer carpet runner should take its cue for colour and pattern from larger area rugs in other areas throughout the open-concept space.

Match up the details

Window treatments, hardware metal tones and wall colours should also blend from one area to another in an open-concept home. Similar window shade styles and colours should be used throughout the main floor. The metallic colours and styles of doorknobs, cabinet hardware and lighting should all be co-ordinated, and paint colours also need to blend.

By decorating all the areas of your main floor as one large space, you will simplify the decorating process and create visual flow.

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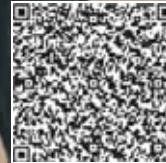
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'Bespoke' decor

Bikes have become part of hipster culture. There are bicycle-themed dining, drinking and shopping establishments from Halifax to Vancouver and dozens of bike-friendly burgs in between. While the rides themselves are often tricked out with coloured tires, swanky seats and vintage baskets, there are also those who see more than the sum of two wheels, a frame and a seat. Designers and artists are creating furnishings and art that give bicycles a whole new way to roll

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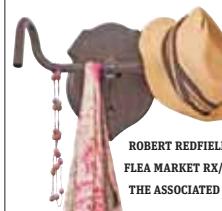
Sexy sprockets

Canadian cyclist and metal artisan Gilbert Vanden-Heuvel turns out all sorts of reworked bicycle art and accessories from his studio in Goderich, Ont.

"The sexy sprockets, curvy rims, flexible rubber and sturdy frame make for endless design possibilities," he says. Bikes are "almost begging to be reborn, reshaped into something surprising and beautiful." THERECYCLER.CA

Handlebar taxidermy

Designer Hilary Nagler of Santa Barbara, Calif., plays with a similar idea, making "bicycle taxidermy" by mounting handlebar "horns" on a basswood plaque. Nagler says the pieces are a "sentimental nod to my beloved childhood Schwinn," while also tipping an artsy hat to Picasso's bull's-head motif.



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Popping wheelies

The Bicycle Collection was created by upcycling discarded bicycle rims, pedals and frames. The result is a set of rustic yet sophisticated designs that are instantly recognizable as repurposed. The Bicycle Screen is made from three panels that are hinged together, allowing for many configurations.

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Cookbook of the Week

A tangy approach



If you reach for a slice of key lime or lemon meringue pie rather than sweet cake, Pucker by Gwendolyn Richards is for you. But using lemons, grapefruits and limes in the kitchen extends well past desserts. Richards' book also includes 100 recipes for drinks, salads, sides, breakfasts and mains. She even highlights tools and helpful hints.

Recipes include Moroccan Stew with Preserved Lemon, Citrus-Braised Pork Shoulder Tacos, Lemon Chicken, Peanut Soup, Flourless Chocolate-Lime Cake and Chewy Lemon Cookies. METRO

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A little lemony zip goes a long way

Main or side dish.

This Barley Risotto with Lemon, Leeks and Peas isn't traditional, and that's a good thing

"It may be cheeky to call this a risotto since the traditional version uses rice, but the cooking technique is the same," writes Gwendolyn Richards in Pucker.

The barley gets just as creamy as it cooks slowly with broth, but still stays a bit chewy for a much heartier dish. I like this with a lot of lemon zip, so I add the full tablespoon of lemon juice. Sprinkle some roughly chopped basil over top just before serving for a bit more green and a herbal hit. This dish is excellent with roasted or pan-seared chicken."

1. In a small saucepan set over medium heat, bring the chicken stock to a low simmer. Keep it barely simmering as you prepare the risotto.

2. In a large saucepan set over medium heat, warm

Ingredients

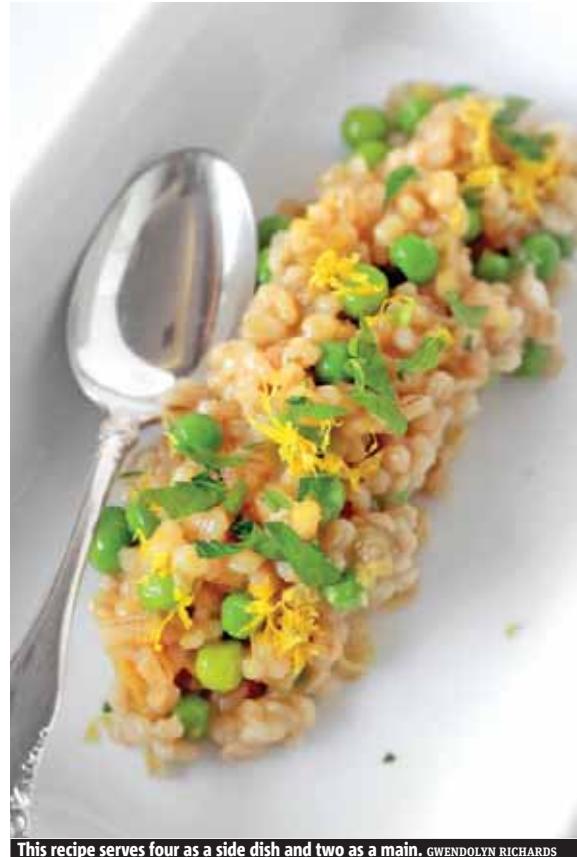
- 3 cups (750 ml) chicken stock
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) butter
- 3 medium leeks, white and pale green parts thinly sliced, rinsed and drained
- 1/2 tsp (2.5 ml) salt
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 cup (250 ml) pearl barley
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) dry white wine
- 3/4 cup (185 ml) fresh or frozen peas
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) whipping cream
- Zest of 1 lemon
- 1/2 to 1 tbsp (7.5 to 15 ml) lemon juice
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) grated Parmesan, plus more for sprinkling

the oil and butter until the butter starts to foam slightly. Add the leeks and salt and sauté, stirring occasionally, until the leeks are softened, 2 to 3 minutes, then add the garlic and cook until it's fragrant, about a minute more. Stir in the pearl barley, mixing it with the leeks and garlic until each grain is coated and shimmering with the oil and butter and is slightly toasted, about 2 to 3 minutes. Pour in the white wine and stir until most of it is absorbed.

3. Begin adding the simmering stock, about half a cup (125 ml) at a time, stirring often and waiting until most of the liquid has been absorbed before adding

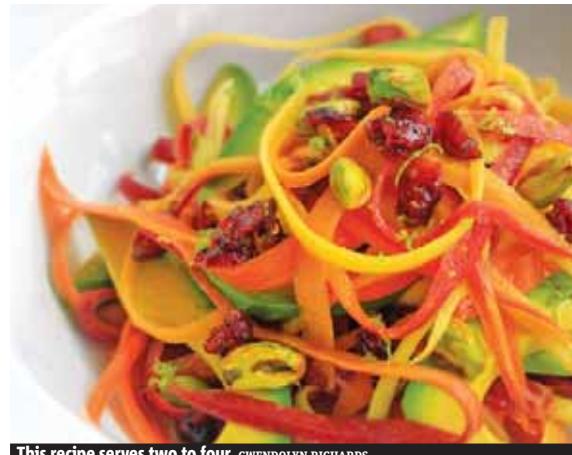
more. It should take 4 to 5 minutes for the barley to soak up the liquid between additions. If it's taking a lot less time than that, reduce the heat. If it's taking more, turn up the heat.

4. Just after the last bit of stock has been added, stir in the peas. Add the cream, lemon zest, 1/2 a tablespoon (7.5 ml) of lemon juice and the Parmesan, then stir gently until everything is mixed together. Taste for seasonings, and add the rest of the lemon juice if desired. Sprinkle with additional Parmesan just before serving. **RECIPES FROM PUCKER: A COOKBOOK FOR CITRUS LOVERS BY GWENDOLYN RICHARDS (WHITECAP, 2014)**



This recipe serves four as a side dish and two as a main. GWENDOLYN RICHARDS

Ribbons of carrots and a drizzle of lime dressing



This recipe serves two to four. GWENDOLYN RICHARDS

"Using carrots in a variety of colours makes for a gorgeous salad, but the regular orange ones are just as tasty," writes author, food writer and blogger Gwendolyn Richards in her book Pucker.

"The pistachios add a great crunch, while the cranberries play up the carrots' sweetness."

"Even friends and family who don't like carrots say they enjoy this salad."

1. Peel the carrots and then, using the peeler, lightly shave off layers of carrot in ribbons. In a bowl, mix the carrots, avocado slices, pistachios and cranberries.

2. In a jar with a lid or

in a bowl, combine the lime juice, sugar, salt and pepper to taste. Give it a couple of shakes, or whisk together, and then add the oil. Shake or whisk again until emulsified. Pour a few tablespoons over the salad and toss lightly to keep the avocado from getting too mushy. Add more dressing as needed.

Ingredients

- 1 lb (500 g) carrots
- 1 avocado, sliced
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) pistachios
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) dried cranberries

Dressing

- Freshly ground pepper
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) lime juice
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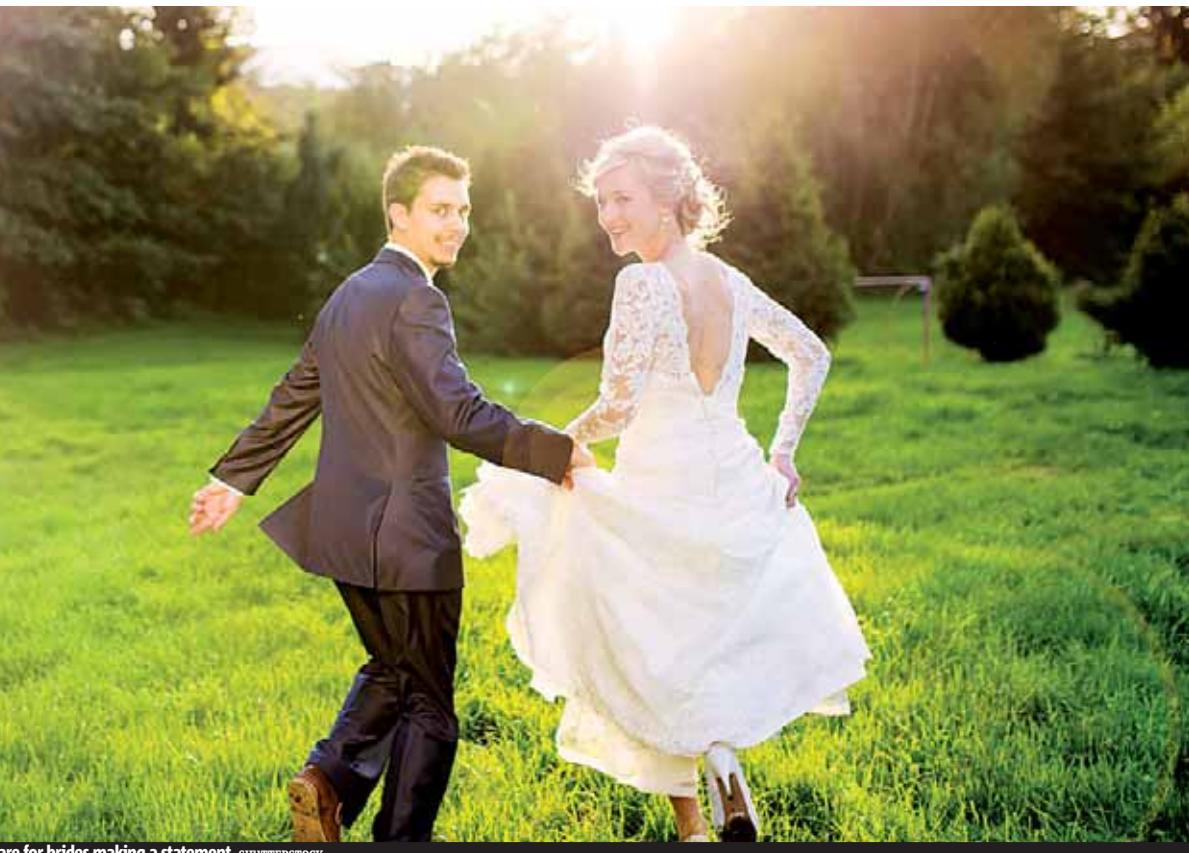
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The back of the dress is where it's at. This year, elaborate detail and low-cut backs are for brides making a statement. SHUTTERSTOCK

What's trending for nuptials in 2015

Let's get innovative.
For a personal touch,
couples get creative
with desserts and decor

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Ensuring guests feel welcome attending your nuptials has become as important to planning a wedding as the bride's maid dresses.

"More focus is on the guests' experience and how their family and friends will see and feel at the event," said Tracey Manailescu, co-founder of The Wedding

Planners Institute of Canada Inc.

Another trend? Making your wedding as personally yours as possible. "Couples are personalizing every aspect of their weddings," added Soha Lavin, a wedding planner with Vancouver's CountDown Events Planning & Design. "They want to represent their personal taste and lifestyle and make a statement to their family and friends."

Here's what else you can expect in the weddings of 2015.

The decor

Linens and lighting are playing a big part in decor.

"Couples are thinking of the look and feel of the linen fabrics. Metallic, silks, overlays, and embellishments make a dramatic impact at the table, and lighting can take it over the top to soften a room, hide any worn or drab-looking spaces and take the evening from one chapter to the next," said Manailescu. And seating styles are also evolving to show off those lovely linens.

"We've seen the use of regal long tables become more popular and I believe this will continue because clients are wanting a more inclusive setting," said Lavin.

And when it comes to

floral touches, guests are likely to spot more loose and romantic styles of bouquets. "And centrepieces are switching to lower arrangements on the tables, which are great for guests to see and speak with each other," said Manailescu.

"And personalized embellishments added to the bouquets, such as photos or mementos."

The cakes

Forget your usual three-tiered confection. "This year we will see an increase in fun dessert stations such as sundae bars, doughnut stations, pies, dessert bars, as well as having the traditional wedding cake," said Manailescu.

and ... the dresses

This year, brides will think backwards about their dresses. "The backs of wedding dresses are really mak-

ing statements this year. So lower backs with lace cut-outs, sexy silhouettes and, for a different twist, shorter knee-length dresses are coming back for the brides who want to show off their fun side," Manailescu noted.

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For many, exchanging vows on a beach at sunset in a hot climate is the definition of a dream wedding.

According to Wedding Bells magazine's 2014 Trend Report, 15 per cent of Canadian brides are planning on having a destination wedding. The magazine also notes that the total number of destination weddings has more than doubled since 2009.

"Destination weddings used to be a rare occurrence," said Soha Lavin, a wedding planner with Vancouver's Countdown Events Planning & Design. "But now, more and more of our couples are holding destination weddings in the most convenient manner

to ensure all of their loved ones can attend."

"We are definitely seeing an increase in these types of weddings," said Tracey Manailescu, co-founder of The Wedding Planners Institute of Canada Inc. (WPIC). "Some of our WPIC alumni have switched to only working with couples having destination weddings."

Where to go?

Mexico, Jamaica, and Dominican Republic are always favourites, Manailescu said.

"They're easy for guests to travel to for larger wedding parties and cost-effective," she said.

However, couples are also becoming more and more interested in Europe.

Italy, Greece, and Spain are hot because of their stunning views and architecture,

memorable adventures, and great food and wines," Manailescu said.

Lavin also said Maui and California have piqued some of her clients' imagination.

How should you pick?

First of all, are there any destinations that have a special meaning to you?

Another major factor in choosing your destination is whether it's easy and afford-

able to travel to.

"So you need to find out: Do guests need to switch planes and take long shuttle rides to get to the location?" Manailescu said. "If the resort or hotel is expensive, the couple should look for alternative locations for guests to stay and then provide day passes for the wedding festivities."

Also don't forget to consider health and safety concerns — keep up-to-date on travel

advisories via the Canadian government. (travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories)

Finally, if you have selected your resort, do your homework and find out if there is any construction or repairs going on that may hinder wedding-related activities.

Get a little help

Is there too much to think about? Professional wedding planners and agents aren't just

helpful, they are knowledgeable, too.

Consider a licensed travel agent as they will provide guidance and be in the loop with any changes or information affecting travel," Manailescu said. "And a WPIC-certified wedding co-ordinator can help liaise between venue, vendors and keep on things such as marriage licenses, time restrictions, venue co-ordinators and more."



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Align your budget and your special day

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Given the cost of your average wedding, it's no surprise that brides are looking for ways to get the biggest bang for their buck.

We asked Amanda Douglas, a Winnipeg-based event and wedding planner of Amanda Douglas Events, for her recommendations on budgeting and saving for the big day.

1 Create an itemized list. Go online and look for good wedding budget templates that list every item you will be spending on, then merge the list so you have as complete a picture as possible. "There are so many little things couples don't often think about — taxes and gratuities for the venue and meals, alterations on the dress, gifts for wedding party and tips for vendors are common ones," Douglas said.

2 Set a budget. Figure out how much you have to spend and what you want your budget to be. "Most brides have a number in their head, but that might not match with the dream wedding they want," Douglas said.

3 Research costs in the area. "Often, brides make the mistake of going online and budgeting their



Saving money on certain parts of a wedding can allow you to splurge on other aspects, such as flowers. SHUTTERSTOCK

wedding based on U.S. websites," Douglas said. "Make sure you get quotes from local vendors."

4 Set realistic expectations. Now it's time to make sure your dream wedding and your budget start to align. You may have to lower your expectations or increase your budget — usually a little of both.

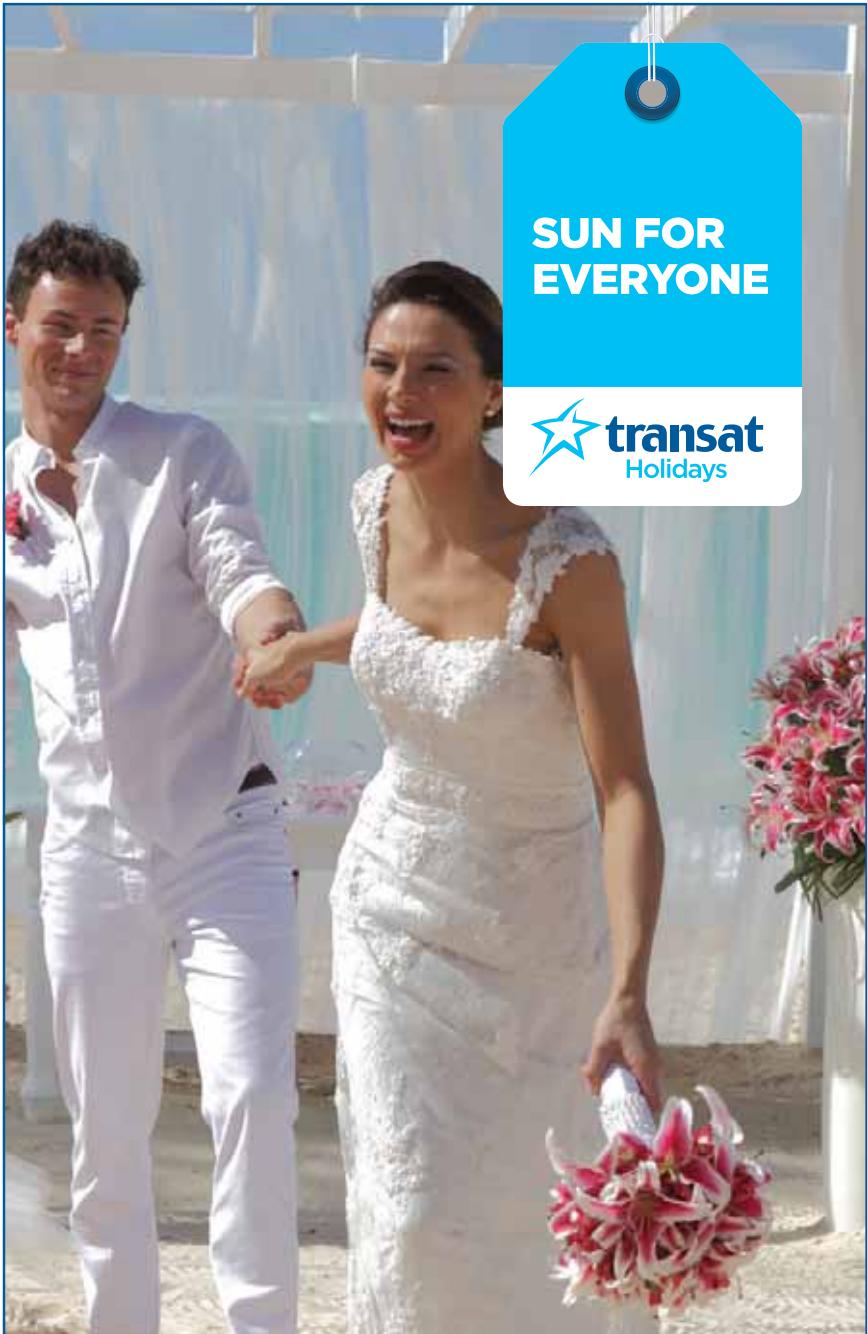
5 Look for ways to save. "Figure out what's most important to you," Douglas said. "If it's flowers, for example, look for ways to

save on stationary, desserts and decor so you can spend more on your flowers." Also, cut back on items that will have the least impact on the outcome of your wedding — maybe you can do without premium liquor or special lighting, for example. "The fastest way to lower your costs is to shop around for a less expensive venue or cut back on the number of guests." Remember, too, that Friday or Sunday weddings can be less expensive than Saturday.

6 Finally. Work out all these details before you start spending to keep your budget on track.

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All-star game

Foligno, Toews named captains

Nick Foligno of the Columbus Blue Jackets and Jonathan Toews of the Chicago Blackhawks have been named team captains for the NHL all-star weekend Jan. 23 to 25 in Columbus, league officials said Wednesday.

The NHL said the all-star teams will now be designated as Team Foligno and Team Toews.

In addition, Drew Doughty of the Los Angeles Kings and Patrick Kane of the Blackhawks have been named assistant captains of Team Foligno, while Ryan Getzlaf of the Anaheim Ducks and Rick Nash of the New York Rangers will assist Toews.

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Minnesota

Struggling Wild trade for Dubnyk

The Minnesota Wild acquired goalie Devan Dubnyk from the Arizona Coyotes on Wednesday for a third-round draft pick.

The Wild are 12th in the Western Conference, ahead of only Arizona and Edmonton. They have lost six straight and 12 of 14 and are 29th in the 30-team NHL with an .889 save percentage.

Dubnyk was 9-5-2 with a 2.72 goals-against average and .916 save percentage in 19 games this season for the Coyotes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Habs sting Jackets with three PP goals

NHL. Each of Montreal's goals come on the man advantage as it erases a two-goal deficit

Max Pacioretty scored two power-play goals, and P.K. Subban added another — all in a span of 3:53 of the third period — to lead the Montreal Canadiens to a 3-2 comeback victory over the Columbus Blue Jackets on Wednesday night.

Carey Price made 14 saves, and Andrei Markov had two assists for the Canadiens, who have earned points in eight of nine games and 11 of 13.

Ryan Johansen scored a third-period power-play goal to extend his career-best point streak to 11 games. Kevin Connauton also had a goal for Columbus on its first shot of the game. Sergei Bobrovsky made 28 saves and lost his shutout bid with 8-1/2 minutes remaining.

The Canadiens, who had seven power plays, scored on three consecutive advantages in the third period to overcome a 2-0 deficit. They came in ranked 28th in the NHL on the power play.

With Matt Calvert off for slashing, Pacioretty took a feed from Brendan Gallagher in the high slot, pivoted and



The Canadiens' Max Pacioretty handles the puck as the Blue Jackets' Cam Atkinson defends in Columbus on Wednesday night. PAUL VERNON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

whistled a shot past Bobrovsky with 8:30 remaining.

Just 2:56 later, this time with Jared Boll off for high sticking, the Canadiens cycled the puck to Subban at

the left point. His one-timer — with Bobrovsky's view obstructed by David Desharnais — tied it at 2.

Soon after that, Brandon Dubinsky was called for

boarding. Tomas Plekanec's entry pass was redirected in by Pacioretty from the right hash to give the Canadiens their first lead.

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Wilson 'doesn't fit the mould'

NFL. Heading into Sunday's NFC championship vs. Green Bay, Seattle QB's post-season achievements can't be disputed

Of the four quarterbacks still playing on championship weekend, Seattle's Russell Wilson is the outlier in terms of style.

Tom Brady, Andrew Luck and Aaron Rodgers all have their quarterbacking foundations built around being pocket passers first. Luck and Rodgers — when healthy — both bring an element of mobility, but it's not their forte.

Wilson? Well, good luck defining the way he operates.

"He doesn't fit the mould of anything I thought previously would be a franchise quarterback. I think he still gets a lot of hate and discredit because we don't throw the ball that often. However, what he's asked to do in this offence he does it

Passer rating

109.6

After six playoff games — five of them victories — Wilson has the highest passer rating in NFL history with a minimum of 150 attempts. Wilson's mark of 109.6 is at the top. He's one of five players in league history with a playoff passer rating of 100 or above. The others are: Rodgers, Bart Starr, Kurt Warner and Drew Brees.

extremely well," Seattle wide receiver Doug Baldwin said.

Headed into Sunday's NFC championship game against Green Bay, Wilson's post-season achievements can't be disputed even if he doesn't fit any preconceived notions.

"I think one of the things that definitely allows me to play well is the guys around me. I've got great guys around me, guys that want to work every day, guys that are devoted to being successful and no matter what it takes," Wilson said. "I think that when you're in those moments, you either live for them or you fall off."

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Russell Wilson might not be your typical pocket-passing QB, but he's still one of the NFL's best playoff performers and will be a handful for the Green Bay Packers' defence in the NFC championship game on Sunday in Seattle. JONATHAN FERREY/GETTY IMAGES

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Messi stirring ambiguity over future with Barca



A tumultuous season in Barcelona has some thinking a move out of town for Lionel Messi isn't outside the realm of possibility. DAVID RAMOS/GETTY IMAGES

Soccer. Squabbles and mixed messages fuelling speculation about Argentine legend's relationship with Catalan club

With commercial strategies now as scrutinized as the

coach's tactics in football, the perception is that Real Madrid has been more active lobbying for Ronaldo than Barcelona has for its four-time Ballon d'Or winner.

Messi hardly gave the perception of being a loyal Barcelona employee when he faced the cameras at FIFA's awards ceremony in Zurich on Monday.

Rather than just responding

to the inevitable question about his future with the usual declaration of loyalty to the club that turned him into one of the best players of all time, the Argentine captain seemed intentionally ambiguous.

"I am not sure where I will be next year," said the academy graduate, under contract at the Camp Nou until 2019. "Nobody knows what the future holds."

That's particularly true

when Messi's relationship with the Barcelona board and coach Luis Enrique is reputed to be far from harmonious.

Occasionally even a player as gifted as Messi needs to be indulged — and not just in his pay packet.

"He's not as straightforward as he used to be," said Esteve Calzada, former Barcelona chief marketing and commercial officer.

"He would say, 'Barcelona is my own team. I will retire here.' Something went wrong.... I find it difficult to believe he will spend his whole career at Barcelona."

The all-time top scorer in the Champions League is undoubtedly coveted, but when you are the most talented player alongside Ronaldo, your freedom of movement becomes limited.

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NBA

Hawks drop Celtics to win 10th in row

DeMarre Carroll and Jeff Teague each scored 22 points to help the Atlanta Hawks win their 10th straight game 105-91 over the Boston Celtics on Wednesday night.

Paul Millsap added 18 points and 10 rebounds for Eastern Conference-leading Atlanta, 31-8 overall and 15-5 on the road. The Hawks have their first double-digit winning streak since winning 11 in a row early in the 1997-98 season. They also have won 10 straight on the road, the longest streak in club history.

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NBA

DeRozan back, Raps winning

His first points in nearly two months came just two minutes into Wednesday's game on a fadeaway jump shot — classic DeMar DeRozan.

The Raptors all-star scored a team-high 20 points to lead Toronto to a 100-84 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers, showing little rust in his much-anticipated return from a groin injury.

Lou Williams finished with 19 points for Toronto (26-12), while Kyle Lowry had 18 points and 12 assists. Jonas Valanciunas added 12 points, while Amir Johnson finished with 10. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Memphis soars above Nets

Nets small forward Joe Johnson avoids Tony Allen of the Memphis Grizzlies during their game at the Barclays Center on Wednesday night in Brooklyn. Zach Randolph had 20 points and 14 rebounds, and the Grizzlies beat the slumping Nets 103-92 in their first matchup against former coach Lionel Hollins. AL BELLO/GETTY IMAGES

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton**Aries****March 21 - April 20**

The best way to get what you want is to pull strings behind the scenes. If you tackle issues head-on today you may find yourself up against people who are stronger — and you'll lose.

Taurus**April 21 - May 21**

Don't worry too much if you fall out with a friend today because it's really no big deal. It could even be beneficial in that you may need to clear the air.

Gemini**May 22 - June 21**

Winning may not be everything but it isn't nothing either. If you get the chance to be number one today, take it. Mars in the career area of your chart makes it easy to be assertive.

Cancer**June 22 - July 23**

You may be short of cash but you can still find ways to get what you want. If you can't satisfy your needs one way you will satisfy them another — and it won't cost you a cent.

Leo**July 24 - Aug. 23**

If someone annoys you today you won't hesitate to challenge them. The bad news is they could turn out to be a tougher nut to crack than you expected.

Virgo**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**

There is tension in the air and partners and colleagues could be difficult to deal with over the next 24 hours. Don't overreact and say or do things that make matters worse. It'll pass.

Libra**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**

You will have to do something you don't want to do today and most likely you will let everyone know — loudly — it isn't your idea of fun. Be professional.

Scorpio**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**

You are in one of your assertive moods today. Just be careful you don't annoy someone whose cooperation you may need in the near future.

Sagittarius**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**

Don't try too hard to keep your emotions bottled up because it will be better for your health if you let your feelings show. You also need to prove that you are not intimidated by people who throw their weight around.

Capricorn**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**

Travel and social activities are well starred right now but don't stray too far in the wrong direction. It's one thing to be adventurous but quite another to be foolhardy.

Aquarius**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**

Don't push yourself too hard over the next 24 hours. Some days were made for taking it easy and the planets indicate that this is one of them.

Pisces**Feb. 20 - March 20**

With Mars in your sign you refuse to accept second best. But as Mars squares up to limitations planet Saturn today recognize that authority figures need to be respected.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan**Across**

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1. Music key, __.
 5. Breakfast's yellow circle
 9. Overeat
 14. Kinks tune
 15. The Secret World
 ___ (1961 Pierre Berton children's book)
 16. Wickerwork material
 17. Triumph's "Lay ___ the Line"
 18. ET-piloted crafts
 19. Nintendo enthusiast
 20. Elusive treasure site on the Mahone Bay island at #22-Across: 2 wds.
 22. Nova Scotia-based History Channel show, "The Curse of ___ Island"
 23. Principle
 24. Cartoon-turned-movie-of-1997 starring Leslie Nielsen: 2 wds.
 28. Pollio's partner
 29. Ancient garment
 30. Oprah's ___! moment
 31. Tennis great Mr. Becker
 34. Prefix to 'legal'
 35. Concert headliner
 36. Figure skating jump
 37. Compare
 38. Study carefully, ___ over
 39. Orange part

"Chances __"
 52. Janis sang about a 'dirty red' one, variably
 53. Be appreciative
 56. ___ Kong
 57. Loonie, for one
 58. Role for Canuck comic Mike
 59. Musicals lyricist Tim
 60. Voltaire play

section
 61. Tragically Hip's ___ by a Century"
 62. Toboggan
 63. Bible pronoun
 Down
 1. Bowl game airship
 2. Detroit aka The ___ City
 3. Solo
 4. As per #46-Down...

Toronto-born singer/songwriter: 2 wds.
 5. Montreal Canadiens mascot!
 6. "Oh, come ___."
 (Let's be real)
 7. Ransack
 8. Canada's version of lbs.
 9. Northeastern Ontario: Community between Sudbury and
 47. "The Legend of Bagger ___" (2000)
 48. Cain's biblical son
 49. Amalgamate
 50. Montreal-based jazz vocalist Ms. Lee
 52. Swelter
 53. Ex-airline
 54. Defiant laugh!
 55. Mariner's assent
 56. Time segments [abbr.]

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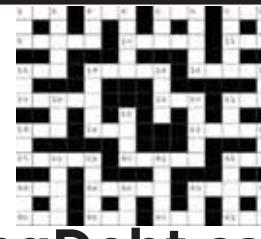
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How to play
 Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

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8	4	2	9	5	6	7	3	1
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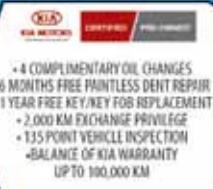
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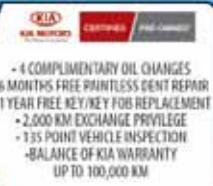
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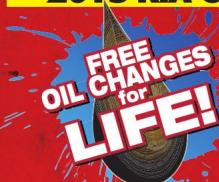
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